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ADJOURNMENT

South Burnett Citizen of the Year Awards

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (10.11 pm): I rise in the House tonight to, as usual, boast about the wonderful electorate of Nanango. I was very honoured to be a part of the South Burnett Citizen of the Year Awards held in Wondai, in the Deputy Premier's electorate of Callide, which borders mine.

It was with great happiness that Mr John Box was named South Burnett Citizen of the Year. I felt it was important to rise and mention Mr Box's contribution to our area as Mr Box started out working for Ergon Energy. He started his working career in that company, or the precursor to that. He is retiring this year from Ergon Energy, so he has had this amazing working career. But also throughout his time he has been a former Apex president. He is currently the President of the Kingaroy Local Ambulance Committee. He and his wife do so much hands-on work for that local ambulance committee, not only fundraising but making locals aware of the need for extra services for our hardworking ambulance. He is also the chair of Crow FM and a board member at CTC. But very importantly for the local member, Mr Box has been able to help out many of my constituents with their electricity issues, be they small or large, and sort them out. Personally, whilst it is a few months off, I would like to wish Mr Box all the best in his retirement and heartily congratulate him on becoming the much loved South Burnett Citizen of the Year for 2014.

It is also prudent that I mention Ms Amy Wicks, who was the South Burnett Junior Citizen of the Year. Ms Wicks is a lady who is a mother and an amazing wife. She is the Secretary of the Nanango Show Society. She also contributed to Nanango's contribution to the Queensland Plan. This is a girl who really is the future of Queensland. She is young and enthusiastic about the regions, and she is very passionate about agriculture. I would just like to encourage Amy to continue in every endeavour that she undertakes within the agricultural industry and to continue doing what she does best, which is promoting the South Burnett.